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Financial assistance to Harijans for constructing houses

* 1239 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received from the Harijans of Ambal village, Nannilam taluk, Tanjore district, by the Government in April/May 1954 for financial assistance to construct houses on the house-sites granted to them by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the amount applied for as grant or loan by the Harijans;

(*c*) whether the Government have given any aid or loan to these Harijans to construct houses; and

(*d*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir. A petition from certain Harijans of Ambal Vattam village was received in December 1953."

" (*b*) They applied for a loan of Rs. 200 for each Harijan to be repayable in ten annual instalments."

" (*c*) & (*d*) No aid could be given in view of the present financial stringency."

Distribution of ammonium sulphate in Coimbatore

* 1240 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of authorized agents for distribution of ammonium sulphate in Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any complaint from several ryots in the district, who were in need of the above fertilizer, that they were not able to get the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Seven.

" (*b*) No."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" அதிகாரம் பெற்ற உர வினியோகஸ்தர்கள் விவசாயிகளுக்கு உரத்தை நியாயமான விலைகளுக்கு கொடுக்காமல் கள்ள மார்க்கெட்டில் விற்கிறார்கள் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அது சம்பந்தமாக ஏதாவது ரிப்போர்ட் வந்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கோயமுத்தூர் ஜில்லாவிலிருந்து எனக்கு ஒன்றும் புகார் வரவில்லை. எப்பொழுதாவது அப்படி குறிப்பிட்ட புகார் வந்தால் அதைக் கவனித்து வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும்."

Rural dispensary for Makkaraparamba

* 1241 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the memorandum submitted to the District Medical Officer, Malabar,

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by the inhabitants of Vedakkangara and Kuruva amsams of Walluvanad taluk requesting for the opening of a rural dispensary at Makkaraparamba ; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The District Medical Officer, Malabar, received the memorandum and forwarded it to the President, District Board, Malabar, recommending the opening of a regular local fund dispensary at the place.

" (b) If and when proposals are received from the Malabar District Board the Government will take necessary action in the matter."

Deepening of the channel and tank from Madur-Melakkar Dam

* 1242 Q.—SRI V. ARUMUGHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have given any instructions to deepen the channel and the tank from the Madur-Melakkar Dam to Vellur kasba?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No."

Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors' Course

* 1243 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the sanctioned strength for admission to the Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors' Course for the year 1953–54 in the Madras Veterinary College;

(b) whether any seats were reserved for Harijan candidates; and

(c) how many of them were availed of?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Government ordered the discontinuance of the Veterinary and Livestock Inspector's Course in the Madras Veterinary College from the academic year 1953–54.

" (b) & (c) The questions do not arise."

Polling stations in South Arcot during the district board election

* 1244 Q.—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) how many polling stations were arranged in South Arcot district during the last district board election;

(b) whether there were separate booths for men and women; and

(c) if so, how many were provided for women?